(c) No separate agreement has been signed for this, as this comes under the broad framework of HTCG.

(d) Issue of implementation of the report will arise only after the report is received from the Indo-US working group in biotechnology.

**Transfer of bio-diesel technology for women SHGs**

†3913. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Madhya Pradesh Government *vide* letter No. 989/CST/JDA/04 dated 5th July, 2004 have requested for transfer of technology for production of Bio-diesel from Jatropha so that Women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) might get employment;

(b) by when Government would transfer this technology; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (c) A proposal entitled "Employment Generation of Women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) by transferring technology on bio-diesel production from Jatropha *(jatropha curcus)"* was received from M.P. Council of Science and Technology, Bhopal. The proposal was considered by the Expert Committee and it was not found suitable as the proposal did not disclose the extent of production and availability of Jatropha in the area in order to make a proper assessment of the proposal.

**Loans to drug companies for research and development work**

†3914. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided loans to some drug companies for research and development work pertaining to medicines;

(b) if so, the names of such companies and the details of amount of loans; and

(c) the terms of repayment of these loans and the companies which are unwilling to repay these loans?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, Government have been providing loans to Drugs and Pharmaceutical companies for research and development work pertaining to medicines. The names of such companies and the amount of loan provided to these companies" are given below:

| SI.No. | Industry Name | Disbursed Loan Amount (Rs. in lakhs) |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. | Dalmia Centre for Research Development, Coimbatore | 40.00 |
| 2. | Dabur Research Foundation (DRF), Ghaziabad | 325.00 |
| 3. | Promed Exports Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi | 400.00 |
| 4. | Biological E. Ltd., Hyderabad | 475.00 |
| 5. | INTAS Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Ahmedabad | 200.00 |
| 6. | AVRA Synthesis Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad | 100 00 |
| 7. | ABL Biotechnologies Ltd., Chennai | 200 00 |
| 8. | Microtest Innovations Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore | 90.00 |
| 9. | Virchow Biotech Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad | 150 00 |
| 10. | Bharat Serums and Vaccines Ltd., Mumbai | 707.00 |
| 11. | Sudershan Biotech Ltd , Hyderabad | 118.00 |
| 12 | Cadila Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Ahmedabad | 100.00 |
| 13. | Natural Remedies Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore | 101.00 |
| 14. | Tulsi Ayurvedic Products & Research Pvt. Ltd., Bhadohi | 135.00 |
| 15. | Biological E. Ltd , Hyderabad | 576.00 |
| 16. | Rumi Herbals Pvt. Ltd., Chennai | 33.00 |
| 17. | Biomix Network Ltd., Mumbai | 1000.00 |
| 18. | Bharat Serums and Vaccines Ltd., Mumbai | 341.00 |
| 19. | Shantha Biotechnics Ltd., Hyderabad | 139.00 |
| 20. | Bharat Biotech International Ltd. (BBIL), Hyderabad | 750.00 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 21. | Institute of Molecular Medicine, Kolkata | 350.00 |
| 22. | Indigene Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad | 1000.00 |
| 23. | Lupin Limited, Mumbai | 1016.00 |
| 24. | Bharat Biotech India Ltd., Hyderabad | 560.62 |
| 25. | Alembic Ltd , Vadodara | 28.50 |
| 26. | Lupin Ltd., Mumbai | 644.96 |
| 27. | Lensel Optics Pvt. Ltd., Pune | 14.75' |
| 28. | Xcyton Diagnostic, Bangalore | 69.56 |

(c) As per the terms and conditions of the loan, the repayment will commence after the project period and the total amount including the interest will be recovered in 10 annual instalments. The loan carries a simple interest of 3% per annum. Since these projects are on going, repayment of loan has not begun. However, no company has shown any unwillingness to repay the loan.

**Scheme of weighted average deduction**

3915. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to scrap the Scheme of weighted average deduction of 150 per cent under Section 35(2AB) of the Income Tax Act for R&D in Pharma Industry;

(b) if so, whether CAG report had indicate Pharma companies for fraudulent claims under the above scheme; and

(c) if so the names of these companies?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) The scheme of weighted deduction of 150 per cent under section 35(2AB) of the Income Tax Act, for R&D in industry (including pharma industry) is available only up to 31st March, 2007. However, the Government had constituted a committee last year to look into the existing incentives/deductions relating to scientific research under the Income